

Village President - Mark Gaffino

The Village is gearing up for the 2023 event season and I would like to kick things off by inviting the community to celebrate **Arbor Day** with the Village! Our celebration will take place on Friday, April 28 at 10:00 am at the corner of Marvo and John street where our Public Works Department with assistance from local daycares will plant a tree and participate in a small activity about trees. Trees are incredibly important as they provide shade, give off oxygen, reduce noise pollution, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and provide everyday products like paper, syrup, and building materials. And to celebrate you can plant your own tree too! All attendees will receive a **free Pine Tree Growable Planter** to grow and then plant!



Meet With the Mayor is resuming! I invite you to join me on the dates of Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 am and Thursday, May 18 at 3:00 pm to discuss topics of interest in the Village. Visit the Village website for further details!

I am also very excited to share with you the other events the Village of North Aurora plans to host for the upcoming year. Please be sure to follow our Village Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/villageofnorthaurora) and Website (www.northaurora.org) for further details and updates for each event!

May 26: Cuisine at the Crossroads

Route 31 & Route 56 from 4:00 — 8:00 pm

Sample and savor selections from multiple food trucks!

June 3: Soaring High in North Aurora

Jewel Middle School (1501 Waterford Road) from 1:00—4:00 pm

Enjoy a kite-filled sky as professional kite flyers put on a show and fly your own!

July 1: Scavenger Hunt

Solve riddles to take you to locations all around town!

July 3: Independence Day Fireworks

North Aurora Riverfront Park (25 E State St.)

Live band starting at 6pm, fireworks ~9:30 pm, BYOB and picnic in the park!

July 21: Movie in the Park

Schneider Park (304 Banbury Road) starting 8:30pm

Come and watch 'Finding Nemo' on the big screen!

August 3—5: Community Garage Sale

Forms will be available closer to the date!

August 4 & 5: North Aurora Days

Throughout town with main events at North Aurora Riverfront Park including live music, face painting and balloon art and so many other activities! Find all details at:

www.northauroradays.org

August 25: Cruise Night

Route 31 & 56 from 6:00 — 8:00 pm

Show off your car and enjoy the evening!

September 2: Community Picnic

NAPD (200 S. Lincolnway) from 12:00 — 3:00 pm

Tour the Police Department, play games and enjoy food provided by the Village!

October 21: Trunk or Treat

NAPD from 1:00 — 4:00 pm

Kids are invited to 'trunk or treat' at the Police Department!

December 2: Making Spirits Bright

North Aurora Riverfront Park from 5:00 — 7:00 pm

See the park lit up for the holidays, visit Santa, and more fun activities!

Police: Scams Targeting Seniors and How to Protect Yourself

Unfortunately scams targeting a community's most vulnerable are nothing new, and scammers are always coming up with new ways to trick their victim. A scam gaining traction is the 'boyfriend investment scam,' which is where the senior is involved in an online relationship is convinced by the 'boyfriend' to send funds for an investment opportunity until the senior either becomes suspicious and stops 'investing' or the bank locks the accounts. **Then** another scammer, claiming to be from a government agency, will call the victim a few days later to tell them they have been scammed and to offer help recover the funds. They will direct the senior to transfer available remaining funds to a secure 'encrypted government account' that they in fact have control of. At this point, the additional money transferred is now gone.

To avoid this scam:

1. Remember that government employees will not call to tell you to transfer your funds.
2. Do not send money to anyone you do not know personally.
3. If you receive a suspicious call, tell them you will call back at a phone number you will locate on their official website.
4. Someone pressuring you to do something right away is a **HUGE RED FLAG**.
5. If you are unsure, discuss with a trusted family member or call the Police Department.

Government 101

Government 101 is an educational opportunity for residents to learn more about how the Village of North Aurora operates. The two-class program will feature aspects of how village government is structured and will include topics on each department — Administration, Community Development, Finance, Police, and Public Works!

Classes will meet **May 2** (VH) and **May 9** (NAPD) from **6:30-8:30 pm**.

Visit the Village's website for further details and to register!

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

We are excited to announce our first Teen Public Safety Academy, a joint effort between the North Aurora Fire Protection District and North Aurora Police Department. The Academy will be held on Monday, June 5th through Friday, June 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30pm from at the police and fire stations. The goals of the program are to build engagement with the youth in our community and introduce them to careers in the police and fire services. Participants will receive a fun, hands-on experience as well as an Academy t-shirt. The Academy is **FREE** and open to North Aurora residents who are incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors for the 2023-2024 school year. More information and a registration link are available at: www.northaurora.org/departments/police-department/teen-public-safety-academy

Public Works News and Information - 630-897-8228 ext. 260

Holiday Garbage Pickup - Due to the **Memorial Day Holiday**, Groot will be closed on Monday. Garbage pick-up will be delayed by one day from your normal pickup day. Please have items out by 6 am.

Yard Waste Collection Program resumes in **April**. Residents can put out yard waste in Kraft paper bags not exceeding 50 lbs. Brush and branches/less than 3" in diameter should be bundled up to 4' in length in less than 2' bundles, and twined not exceeding 50 lbs. per bundle.

Free Yard Waste Pickup! - For the first two pickups in April, residents can put out an unlimited amount of properly packaged yard waste for FREE on their scheduled garbage day! No stickers will be needed on yard waste during these two weeks. Stickers **will be required** after the first two weeks of free pick-up through the end of November when the yard waste collection program ends for the season. Bagged leaves are also picked up for free during October and November. Groot offers a subscription program for yard waste, which allows for the rental of a 95-gallon toter exclusively for yard waste during the yard waste collection season. This toter would be billed annually and anyone interested will want to call Groot for details and pricing at 630-892-9294.

Mailbox Condition and Yard Damage from Plows - During the winter, unstable mailboxes and decaying wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents should be aware that the Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by the snow from the plows. Spring is the best time to check that your mailbox is securely fastened and that the post is in good condition and securely set in the ground. If your mailbox was struck by a plow and damaged please contact the Public Works Department within 48 hours to allow time to inspect the mailbox to see if the Village is liable. Any damage to your lawn caused by the Village's snowplows will be repaired as the weather warms and the ground thaws; please contact Public Works as soon as you identify snowplow damage.

Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution - Water pollution prevention and control measures are critical to improving our water quality and reducing the need for costly wastewater and drinking water treatment. Water pollution can come from storm water runoff, which occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows driveways, sidewalks and streets rather than soaking into the ground. The runoff can pick up debris and pollutants and flow into the storm sewer system and then into our rivers, ponds, and wetlands. When water becomes polluted, the effects can be far reaching including creating unsafe drinking water.

You can help prevent storm water pollution by: **keeping litter, pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains**, applying lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions, **disposing of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly (not in storm sewers or drains!)**, **cleaning up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze**, controlling soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover, and **having septic systems inspected and pumped, at a minimum every three to five years, so that it operates properly.**

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall - 630-897-8228 / Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Website: www.northaurora.org

Elected Officials

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North Aurora Meeting Schedules

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each Month at 7:00 p.m. (Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

April 3 and April 17 | May 1 and May 15

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

April 4 | May 2

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 East State Street (unless otherwise posted).

All Meeting Agendas are on the Village's website at www.northaurora.org under the Government tab.

Village Hall is Closed for the Following Holidays:

April 7 - Spring Holiday | May 29 - Memorial Day